

**Are you a high school student in Charleston County who
wants to make a difference in the community?**

Mayor's Youth Commission



City of Charleston

**Be the voice for youth.
Connect with local government.
Raise public awareness.
Create a positive impact.**

You are invited:

Apply to Become a Member of the

Mayor's Youth Commission

City of Charleston

2022 Membership

Who We Are:

- The Mayor's Youth Commission (MYC) represents the youth of Charleston County. Members are 9th-12th grade high school students who are in good academic standing at their public, private, or home high schools in Charleston County.
- Members are selected to serve a one-year term from March 2022 to May 2023.

What We Do:

- MYC convenes bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Mayor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families to meet with MOCYF staff.
 - *Currently members meet safely by virtual meetings through Zoom.*
- MYC convenes bi-monthly on the 3rd Wednesday for meetings with the Mayor.
 - *Currently members meet safely by virtual meetings through Zoom.*
- All meetings are typically held in the evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Members are encouraged to provide their leadership, input, and ideas about how we can best combat community problems. Members offer their perspective, determine strategies, and execute an annual youth summit to empower their peers to take action.
- Throughout the year, members have the opportunity to participate in leadership trainings, team- building activities and community service.

How to Get Involved:

- ☒ *Complete the attached application.*
- ☒ *Ask your parent and principal to review and sign your application.*
- ☒ *Return your application no later than Friday, March 18, 2022.*

Contact information:

Jennifer Gorham-Guion, Mayor's Office for Children, Youth and Families
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2022 Application

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Do you have reliable transportation to and from each meeting (when in-person resumes)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How do you like to be contacted?

- ☐ Text Message Notifications
- ☐ Email Notifications

How often do you check your email?

- ☐ At least once a week
- ☐ At least once a month
- ☐ Kind of irregularly/Not at all

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible in the space provided:

Why do you want to serve on the Mayor's Youth Commission?

List and briefly explain your volunteer activities and experiences.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in at school?

List and explain at least three areas of interest and expertise.

What would you like to do for youth during your term as a Mayor's Youth Commission member and what unique skills can you bring to the Mayor's Youth Commission?

ESSAY

In the space provided, write an essay on a current issue facing youth in our community. Explain why this is an issue and provide a solution for it.

SIGNATURES

I have read and understand all the previous material concerning the Mayor's Youth Commission and, if selected, I am committed to serving as a Commission member for a one-year term; I will actively attend all meetings and participate in annual Summit preparation. I also understand that if I fail to uphold my obligations I will be terminated from the group.

Applicant Signature

Date

I give permission for my son/daughter to serve on the Mayor's Youth Commission and realize that attendance is required at all meetings unless they receive an excused absence. I also understand that if my youth misses three or more meetings without prior notice they can be terminated from the MYC group.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent Name (please print)

I believe this student should be considered to serve on the Mayor's Youth Commission.

Principal Signature

Date

Ways to submit your application by the March 18, 2022 Deadline

Via Email
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Via In-Person or Mail
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Charleston, SC 29401

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